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(54) **COOPERATIVE CONTROL METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC OPTIMIZER AND PHOTOVOLTAIC INVERTER**

(57) A cooperative control method and device for a photovoltaic optimizer (200) and a photovoltaic inverter (300) are provided. The cooperative control method and device are applicable to a grid-connected photovoltaic system including N photovoltaic components (100), N photovoltaic optimizers and one photovoltaic inverter. The N photovoltaic components are respectively connected to input sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and output sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers are connected to a DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, N being an integer greater than or equal to 1. The cooperative control method includes determining an operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system; the operation parameter reflecting an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system; judging whether the operation parameter is lower than a preset value; and adjusting a voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter until the operation parameter is not lower than the preset value, in a case that the operation parameter is lower than the preset value.

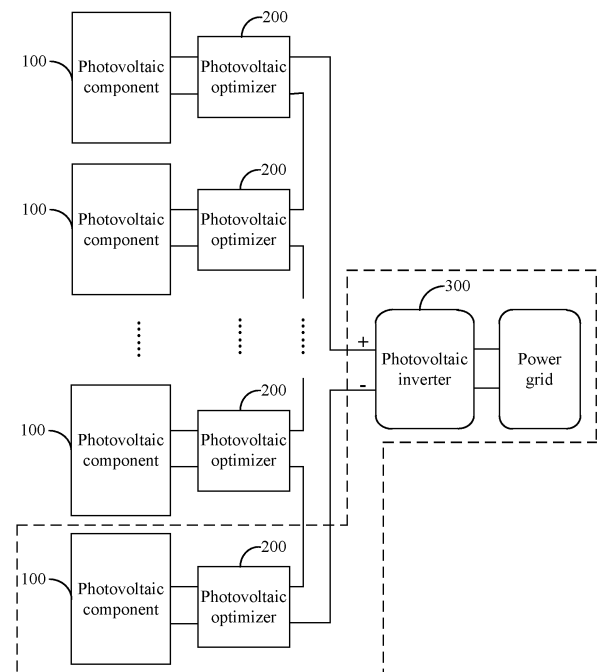


Figure 1

Description**FIELD**

5 **[0001]** The disclosure relates to the technical field of photovoltaic power generation, and particularly to a cooperative control method and a cooperative control device for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter.

BACKGROUND

10 **[0002]** Figure 1 illustrates a grid-connected photovoltaic system, which includes N ($N \geq 1$) photovoltaic components 100, N photovoltaic optimizers 200 (which may have a boost topology or a bi-directional DC-DC conversion topology) and one photovoltaic inverter 300. The N photovoltaic components 100 are respectively connected to input sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200, and output sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200 are connected to a DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 (a case where N photovoltaic components 100 form one photovoltaic string is shown in Figure 1 only as an example). Each photovoltaic optimizer 200 is used for performing Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) control on the photovoltaic component 100 connected thereto, such that a component-level MPPT function can be implemented in the grid-connected photovoltaic system.

15 **[0003]** However, since the photovoltaic inverter 300 also has the MPPT function, an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system may be reduced when the photovoltaic optimizer 200 in a preceding stage and the photovoltaic converter 300 in a succeeding stage on each branch perform MPPT control independently.

20 **[0004]** One of the branches (shown by the dotted box in Figure 1) is taken as an example. On this branch, the photovoltaic optimizer 200 independently tracks a maximum output power of the photovoltaic component 100, and the photovoltaic inverter 300 independently tracks a maximum input power of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300. When the photovoltaic optimizer 200 acquires the maximum output power of the photovoltaic component 100, the higher the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the greater the duty cycle of photovoltaic optimizer 200; the greater the duty cycle of photovoltaic optimizer 200, the higher the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic optimizer 200; and the higher the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic optimizer 200, the greater the input power of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300. Therefore, as a result of the photovoltaic inverter 300 independently tracking the maximum input power of the DC side, the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 is maintained at the maximum value. However, when the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 reaches the maximum value, the photovoltaic inverter 300 has the lowest conversion efficiency. Therefore, the overall conversion efficiency of the branch is not optimal, and even can be very low. Therefore, the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system is low.

SUMMARY

35 **[0005]** In view of this, a cooperative control method and a cooperative control device for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter are provided according to the present disclosure, in order to enhance the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system.

40 **[0006]** It is provided a cooperative control method for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter, which is applicable to a grid-connected photovoltaic system including N photovoltaic components, N photovoltaic optimizers and one photovoltaic inverter. The N photovoltaic components are respectively connected to input sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and output sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers are connected to a DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, N being an integer greater than or equal to 1. The cooperative control method includes:

45 determining an operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system, the operation parameter reflecting an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system;

judging whether the operation parameter is lower than a preset value; and

50 adjusting a voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter until the operation parameter is not lower than the preset value, in a case that the operation parameter is lower than the preset value.

[0007] The operation parameter may be an output power of an AC side of the photovoltaic inverter.

55 **[0008]** The operation parameter may be a product of η_1 and η_2 , where η_1 is an average conversion efficiency of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and η_2 is a conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter.

[0009] The determining the operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system may include:

acquiring the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, a grid voltage, a grid current, and output voltages of the N photovoltaic components;
determining η_2 based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current;
calculating an average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers based on the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter according to an equation:

the average duty cycle = the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter / (a
sum of the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components / M),

where M is the number of strings formed by the N photovoltaic components; determining η_1 based on the calculated average duty cycle; and

calculating the product of η_1 and η_2 .

[0010] The determining η_2 based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current may include:

determining η_2 using a look-up table method in a case that the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current are known, or
calculating η_2 using a functional relationship between η_2 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current; and

the determining η_1 based on the calculated average duty cycle may include:

determining η_1 using a look-up table method in a case that the average duty cycle is known, or

calculating η_1 using a functional relationship between η_1 and the average duty cycle.

[0011] It is provided a cooperative control device for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter, which is applicable to a grid-connected photovoltaic system including N photovoltaic components, N photovoltaic optimizers and one photovoltaic inverter. The N photovoltaic components are respectively connected to input sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and output sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers are connected to a DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, N being an integer greater than or equal to 1. The cooperative control device includes:

a parameter determination unit configured to determine an operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system, the operation parameter reflecting an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system;

a judgment unit configured to judge whether the operation parameter is lower than a preset value; and

an adjustment unit configured to adjust a voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter until the operation parameter is not lower than the preset value, in a case that the judgment unit determines that the operation parameter is lower than the preset value.

[0012] The operation parameter may be an output power of an AC side of the photovoltaic inverter.

[0013] The operation parameter may be a product of η_1 and η_2 , where η_1 is an average conversion efficiency of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and η_2 is a conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter.

[0014] The determination unit may include:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, a grid voltage, a grid current and output voltages of the N photovoltaic components;

a first determination unit configured to determine η_2 based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current acquired by the acquisition unit;

a first calculation unit configured to calculate an average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers based on the

output voltages of the N photovoltaic components and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter acquired by the acquisition unit according to an equation:

the average duty cycle = the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter / (a sum of the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components / M),

where M is the number of strings formed by the N photovoltaic components;

a second determination unit configured to determine η_1 based on the average duty cycle calculated by the first calculation unit; and

a second calculation unit configured to calculate the product of η_1 and η_2 .

[0015] The first determination unit may be configured to:

determine η_2 using a look-up table method in a case that the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current are known, or

calculate η_2 using a functional relationship between η_2 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current; and

the second determination unit may be configured to:

determine η_1 using a look-up table method in a case that the average duty cycle is known, or

calculate η_1 using a functional relationship between η_1 and the average duty cycle.

[0016] As can be seen from the above technical solution, a match condition between the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter and the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic optimizer can be changed by adjusting the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter. Therefore, only in a case that the photovoltaic inverter operates with the voltage of the DC side being a specific value, the grid-connected photovoltaic system can achieve the maximum overall conversion efficiency. The specific value of the voltage of the DC side is referred to as an optimum match point. Therefore, in the present disclosure, the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter is adjusted to be close to the optimum match point, to enhance the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0017] The drawings to be used in the description of the embodiments or the conventional technology are described briefly as follows, so that the technical solutions according to the embodiments of the present disclosure or according to the conventional technology become clearer. It is apparent that the drawings in the following description only illustrate some embodiments of the present disclosure. For those skilled in the art, other drawings may be obtained according to these drawings without any creative work.

Figure 1 is a schematic structural diagram of a grid-connected photovoltaic system according to the conventional technology;

Figure 2 is a flow chart of a cooperative control method for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

Figure 3 is a flow chart of a method for determining an operation parameter of a grid-connected photovoltaic system according to an embodiment of the present disclosure; and

Figure 4 is a schematic structural diagram of a cooperative control device for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0018] Hereinafter, the technical solution in the embodiments of the present disclosure will be described clearly and completely in conjunction with the drawings in the embodiments of the present disclosure. Obviously, the described

[0019] A cooperative control method for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter is provided according to an embodiment of the present disclosure. The cooperative control method is applicable to the grid-connected photovoltaic system shown in Figure 1, for enhancing the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system. Referring to Figure 2, the cooperative control method includes the following steps S01 to S03.

[0020] In step S01, an operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system is determined. The operation parameter reflects an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system.

[0021] The photovoltaic inverter 300 and the N photovoltaic optimizer 200 are considered as an integral unit (referred to as unit A). The overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system is reflected by the conversion efficiency of the unit A.

[0022] The conversion efficiency of the unit A is equal to a product of the average conversion efficiency η_1 of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200 and the conversion efficiency η_2 of the photovoltaic inverter 300, i.e., $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$. Correspondingly, the operation parameter may be $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$.

[0023] Referring to Figure 3, in a case that the operation parameter is $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$, the method for determining the operation parameter includes the following steps S011 to S015.

[0024] In step S011, a voltage of a DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, a grid voltage, a grid current, and output voltages of the N photovoltaic components 100 are acquired.

[0025] In step S012, η_2 is determined based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the grid voltage and the grid current.

[0026] η_2 may be determined using a look-up table method in a case that the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the grid voltage and the grid current are known. Alternatively, η_2 may be calculated using a functional relationship between η_2 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the grid voltage and the grid current, which may be expressed as $\eta_2 = f(\text{the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the grid voltage, the grid current})$.

[0027] In step S013, an average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200 is calculated based on the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components 100 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 according to an equation:

$$\text{the average duty cycle} = \frac{\text{the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300}}{\text{(a sum of the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components 100 / M)}},$$

where M is the number of strings formed by the N photovoltaic components 100.

[0028] In step S014, η_1 is determined based on the calculated average duty cycle.

[0029] η_1 may be determined using a look-up table method in a case that the average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200 is known. Alternatively, η_1 may be calculated using a functional relationship between η_1 and the average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200.

[0030] In step S105, the product of η_1 and η_2 is calculated.

[0031] In addition, the overall conversion efficiency of the unit A may be reflected by an output power of the AC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300. That is, the operation parameter may also be the output power of the AC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300.

[0032] The reason for which the operation parameter may also be the output power of the AC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 is as follows. When each of the photovoltaic optimizer 200 acquires the maximum output power of the photovoltaic component 100 connected thereto, it can be considered that the photovoltaic energy outputted into the unit A is a set value. In this operation condition, if the output power of the AC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 is greater, it indicates that the conversion efficiency of the unit A is higher. Therefore, the output power of the AC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 may be collected, and the conversion efficiency of the unit A may be determined according to the output power of the AC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300.

[0033] In step S02, it is judged whether the operation parameter is lower than a preset value. In a case that the operation parameter is lower than the preset value, it indicates that the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system is low and needs to be optimized, then the process proceeds to step S03. In a case that the operation

parameter is not lower than the preset value, it indicates that the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system is high and does not need to be adjusted, then the process returns to step S01.

[0034] In step S03, the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 is adjusted until the operation parameter is not lower than the preset value.

[0035] It is known that, for the photovoltaic inverter 300, at a same output power of the AC side, the higher the input voltage of the DC side, the greater the internal switch loss of the photovoltaic inverter 300, thereby and the lower the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter 300. Therefore, a variation in the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 can result in a variation in the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter 300.

[0036] In addition, when the photovoltaic optimizer 200 acquires the maximum output power of the photovoltaic component 100, it may be considered that the input voltage of the photovoltaic optimizer 200 is a set value. At this time, the variation in the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 can also result in a variation in the duty cycle of the photovoltaic optimizer 200, and the variation in the duty cycle of the photovoltaic optimizer 200 can in turn directly influence the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic optimizer 200. Therefore, the variation in the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 can result in the variation in the conversion efficiency of each photovoltaic optimizer 200.

[0037] As can be seen, the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter 300 and the conversion efficiency of each photovoltaic optimizer 200 both may be changed by adjusting the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300. In addition, the match condition between the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter 300 and the conversion efficiency of each photovoltaic optimizer 200 can directly influence the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system. Only in a case that the photovoltaic inverter 300 operates with the voltage of the DC side being a specific value, the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system can reach the maximum value (in this case, the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter 300 and the conversion efficiency each photovoltaic optimizer 200 can achieve an optimal match condition, and the specific value of the voltage of the DC side is referred to as the optimal match point). Therefore, in order to enhance the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system, the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 is required to be adjusted to be close to the optimal match point.

[0038] A cooperative control device for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter is further provided according to an embodiment of the present disclosure. The cooperative control device is applicable to the grid-connected photovoltaic system shown in Figure 1, for enhancing the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system. As shown in Figure 4, the cooperative control device includes a parameter determination unit 101, a judgment unit 201, and an adjustment unit 301.

[0039] The parameter determination unit 101 is configured to determine an operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system. The operation parameter reflects an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system.

[0040] The judgment unit 201 is configured to judge whether the operation parameter is lower than a preset value.

[0041] The adjustment unit 301 is configured to adjust a voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 until the operation parameter is not lower than the preset value, in a case that the judgment unit 201 determines that the operation parameter is lower than the preset value.

[0042] The operation parameter is an output power of an AC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300.

[0043] The operation parameter is a product of η_1 and η_2 . Specifically, η_1 is an average conversion efficiency of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200, and η_2 is a conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter 300.

[0044] Reference is made to Figure 4 again. The parameter determination unit 101 includes an acquisition unit 401, a first determination unit 402, a first calculation unit 403, a second determination unit 404, and a second calculation unit 405.

[0045] The acquisition unit 401 is configured to acquire the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, a grid voltage, a grid current and output voltages of the N photovoltaic components 100.

[0046] The first determination unit 402 is configured to determine η_2 based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the grid voltage and the grid current acquired by the acquisition unit 401.

[0047] The first calculation unit 403 is configured to calculate an average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers 200 based on the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components 100 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300 acquired by the acquisition unit 401 according to an equation:

$$\text{the average duty cycle} = \frac{\text{the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300}}{\text{(a sum of the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components 100 / M)}},$$

where M is the number of strings formed by the N photovoltaic components 100.

[0048] The second determination unit 404 is configured to determine η_1 based on the average duty cycle calculated by the first calculation unit 403.

[0049] The second calculation unit 405 is configured to calculate the production of η_1 and η_2 .

[0050] The first determination unit 402 is configured to determine η_2 using a look-up table method in a case that the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the grid voltage and the grid current are known. Alternatively, the first determination unit 402 is configured to calculate η_2 using a functional relationship between η_2 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter 300, the grid voltage and the grid current.

[0051] Specifically, the second determination unit 404 is configured to determine η_1 using a look-up table method in a case that the average duty cycle is known. Alternatively, the second determination unit 404 is configured to calculate η_1 using a functional relationship between η_1 and the average duty cycle.

[0052] In summary, the match condition between the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter and the conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic optimizer can be changed by adjusting the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter. Only in a case that the photovoltaic inverter operates with the voltage of the DC side being a specific value, the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system can reach the maximum value. The specific value of the voltage of the DC side is referred to as the optimal match point. Therefore, in order to enhance the overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system, the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter is adjusted to be close to the optimal match point in the present disclosure.

[0053] In the present specification, the embodiments are described in progressive manner. Each embodiment mainly focuses on an aspect different from other embodiments, and reference can be made to these similar parts among the embodiments. The device disclosed in the embodiment corresponds to the method disclosed in the embodiment, and is described relatively simply. For detailed description of the device, reference may be made to the related description of the method.

[0054] With the above descriptions of the disclosed embodiments, the skilled in the art may practice or use the present disclosure. Various modifications to the embodiments are apparent for the skilled in the art. The general principle suggested herein can be implemented in other embodiments without departing from the spirit or scope of the disclosure. Therefore, the present disclosure should not be limited to the embodiments disclosed herein, but has the widest scope that is conformity with the principle and the novel features disclosed herein.

[0055] The present application claims the priority to Chinese Patent Application No.201610989232.3, entitled "CO-OPERATIVE CONTROL METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC OPTIMIZER AND PHOTOVOLTAIC INVERTER", filed on November 10, 2016 with the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Claims

1. A cooperative control method for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter, applicable to a grid-connected photovoltaic system comprising N photovoltaic components, N photovoltaic optimizers and one photovoltaic inverter, the N photovoltaic components being respectively connected to input sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and output sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers being connected to a DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, N being an integer greater than or equal to 1, the cooperative control method comprising:

determining an operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system, the operation parameter reflecting an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system;
judging whether the operation parameter is lower than a preset value; and
adjusting a voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter until the operation parameter is not lower than the preset value, in a case that the operation parameter is lower than the preset value.

2. The cooperative control method according to claim 1, wherein the operation parameter is an output power of an AC side of the photovoltaic inverter.

3. The cooperative control method according to claim 1, wherein the operation parameter is a product of η_1 and η_2 , where η_1 is an average conversion efficiency of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and η_2 is a conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter.

4. The cooperative control method according to claim 3, wherein the determining the operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system comprises:

acquiring the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, a grid voltage, a grid current, and output voltages

of the N photovoltaic components;

determining η_2 based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current;

calculating an average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers based on the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter according to an equation:

the average duty cycle = the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter / (a sum of the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components / M),

where M is the number of strings formed by the N photovoltaic components;

determining η_1 based on the calculated average duty cycle; and

calculating the product of η_1 and η_2 .

5. The cooperative control method according to claim 4, wherein

the determining η_2 based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current comprises:

determining η_2 using a look-up table method in a case that the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current are known, or

calculating η_2 using a functional relationship between η_2 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current; and

the determining η_1 based on the calculated average duty cycle comprises:

determining η_1 using a look-up table method in a case that the average duty cycle is known, or

calculating η_1 using a functional relationship between η_1 and the average duty cycle.

6. A cooperative control device for a photovoltaic optimizer and a photovoltaic inverter, applicable to a grid-connected photovoltaic system comprising N photovoltaic components, N photovoltaic optimizers and one photovoltaic inverter, the N photovoltaic components being respectively connected to input sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and output sides of the N photovoltaic optimizers being connected to a DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, N being an integer greater than or equal to 1, the cooperative control device comprising:

a parameter determination unit configured to determine an operation parameter of the grid-connected photovoltaic system, the operation parameter reflecting an overall conversion efficiency of the grid-connected photovoltaic system;

a judgment unit configured to judge whether the operation parameter is lower than a preset value; and

an adjustment unit configured to adjust a voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter until the operation parameter is not lower than the preset value, in a case that the judgment unit determines that the operation parameter is lower than the preset value.

7. The cooperative control device according to claim 6, wherein the operation parameter is an output power of an AC side of the photovoltaic inverter.

8. The cooperative control device according to claim 6, wherein the operation parameter is a product of η_1 and η_2 , where η_1 is an average conversion efficiency of the N photovoltaic optimizers, and η_2 is a conversion efficiency of the photovoltaic inverter.

9. The cooperative control device according to claim 8, wherein the determination unit comprises:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, a grid voltage, a grid current and output voltages of the N photovoltaic components;

a first determination unit configured to determine η_2 based on the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current acquired by the acquisition unit;

a first calculation unit configured to calculate an average duty cycle of the N photovoltaic optimizers based on the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter

acquired by the acquisition unit according to an equation:

the average duty cycle = the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter / (a
sum of the output voltages of the N photovoltaic components / M),

where M is the number of strings formed by the N photovoltaic components;

a second determination unit configured to determine η_1 based on the average duty cycle calculated by the first calculation unit; and

a second calculation unit configured to calculate the product of η_1 , and η_2 .

- 10.** The cooperative control device according to claim 9, wherein
the first determination unit is configured to:

determine η_2 using a look-up table method in a case that the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current are known, or

calculate η_2 using a functional relationship between η_2 and the voltage of the DC side of the photovoltaic inverter, the grid voltage and the grid current; and

the second determination unit is configured to:

determine η_1 using a look-up table method in a case that the average duty cycle is known, or
calculate η_1 using a functional relationship between η_1 and the average duty cycle.

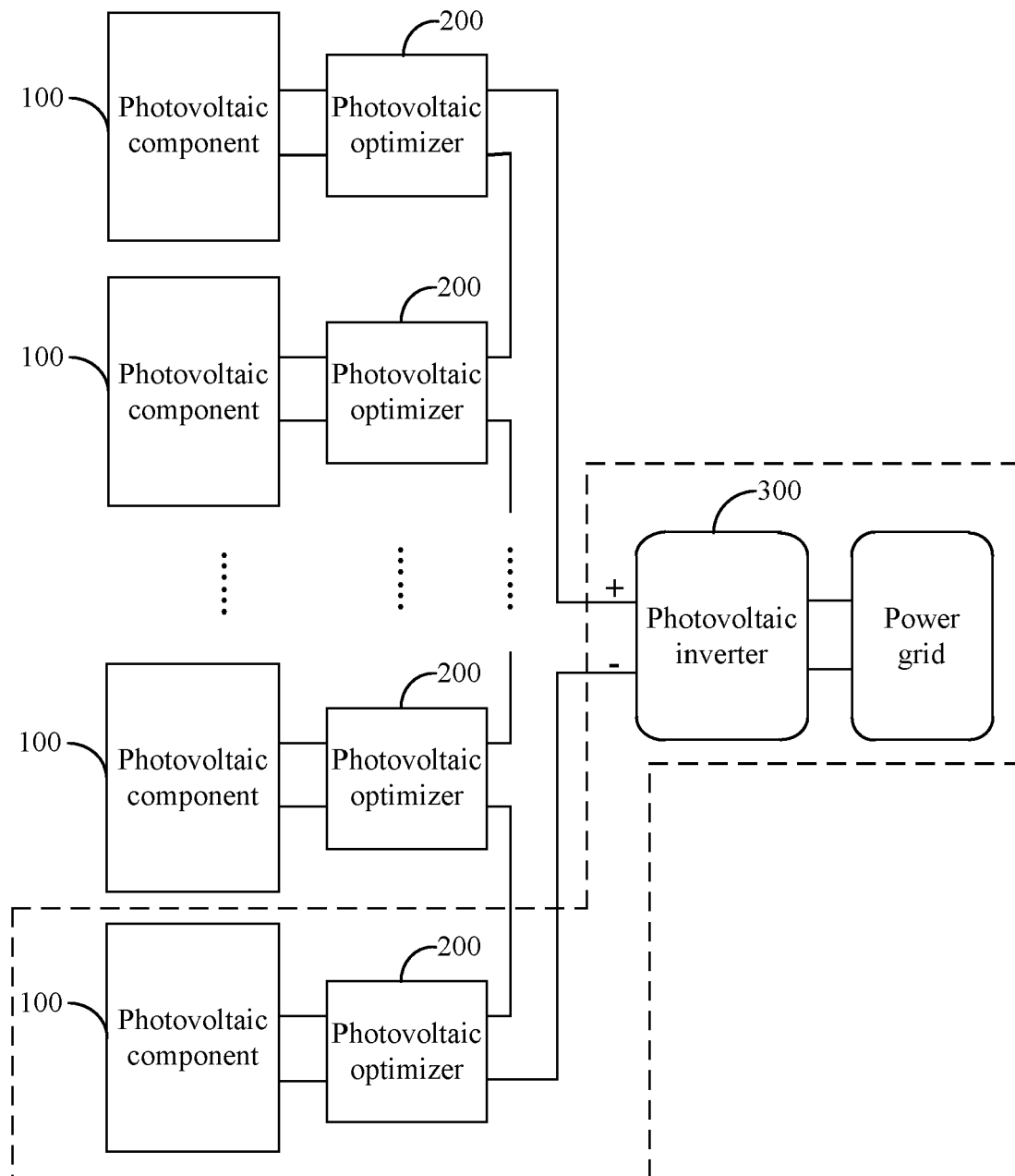
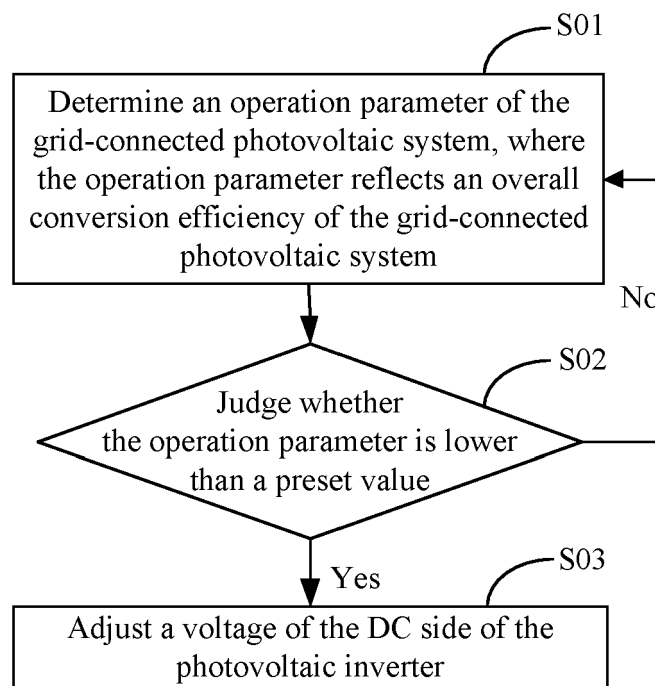
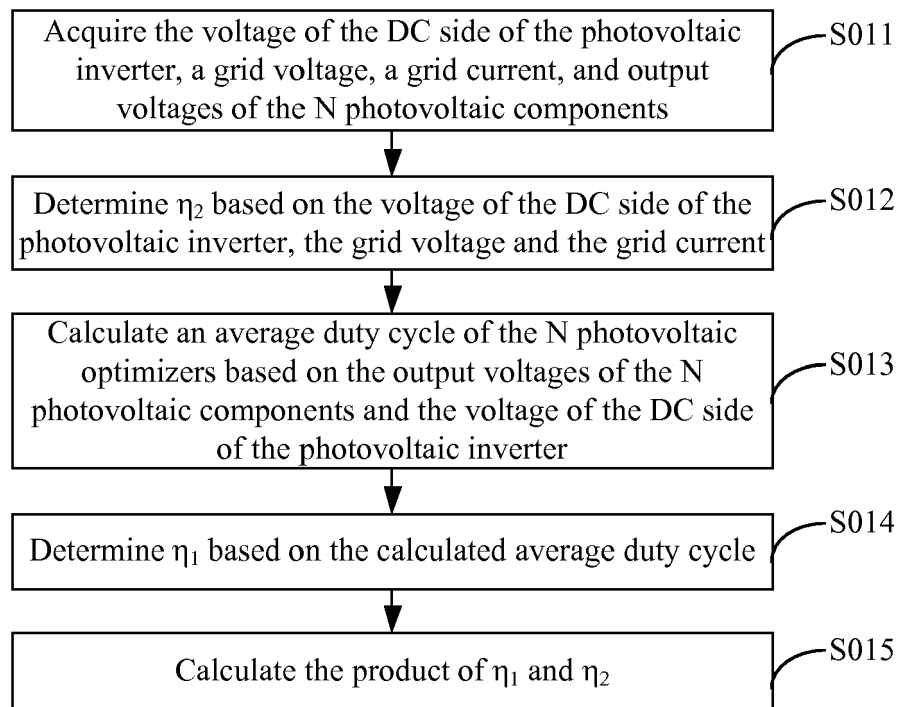


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**Figure 2**

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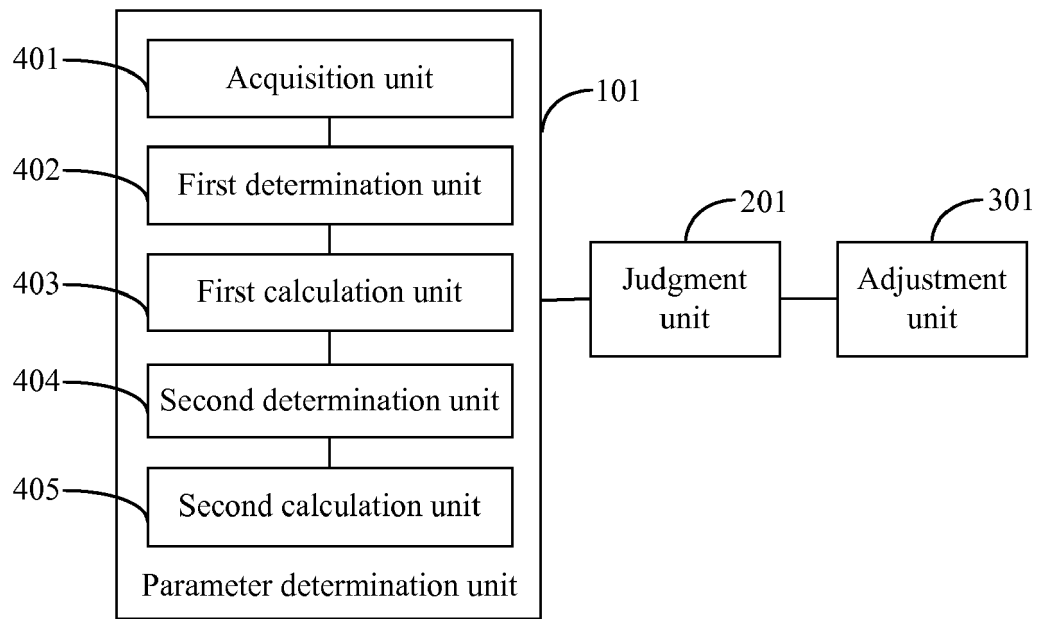


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